



Fort Meade & Hot Springs, SD PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency

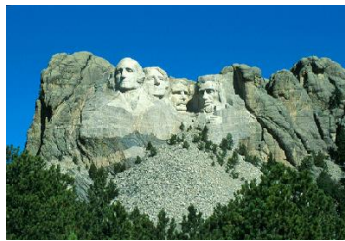


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The VA Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS) is located in the beautiful Black Hills of western South Dakota, where we are known for our blue skies, pine forests, rich history, moderate climate, and friendly western hospitality. VA BHHCS provides primary and secondary medical and surgical care, along with residential rehabilitation treatment program (RRTP) services, extended nursing home care, and tertiary psychiatric inpatient care services for veterans residing in South Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Montana. Care to approximately 20,000 veterans is delivered through the Fort Meade (near Sturgis) and Hot Springs VA Medical Centers, as well as through a number of our community based outpatient clinics and rural health clinics. VA Black Hills is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network.

Clinical Pharmacy Services

Pharmacy is involved in all aspects of medication management. With the implementation of physician order entry, barcode technology, cartless distribution, robotics, and technical support for distributive functions, we are able to focus on clinical activities.

Hot Springs has seven Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) and ten technicians. Fort Meade has 17 CPS and 12 technicians. There are three South Dakota State University (SDSU) College of Pharmacy faculty, four PGY1 residents and one PGY2 resident. The pharmacies are staffed Monday through Friday from 730a-515p, with limited holidays and weekends.

Educational Affiliations

The VA Black Hills Health Care System is a teaching institution affiliated with SDSU Colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and Western Dakota Technical Institute.



Hot Springs Campus



Fort Meade Campus

Residency Experiences

The goal of the VA BHHCS Ambulatory Care PGY2 Residency is to further develop the resident's skills in direct patient care, leadership, and education through a variety of experiences. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be equipped to obtain an ambulatory care certification and serve as a clinical pharmacist in either the clinic setting or academia. The training program will strive to meet the individual needs of the resident and tailor their experiences as appropriate. Core Experiences are tailored to each resident and are integrated longitudinally into the PGY2 Residency Program. Residents select up to four Core Experiences from the following:

- Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT)
- Anticoagulation
- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Emergency Department/Urgent Care
- Dialysis (Hot Springs)
- Oncology (Fort Meade)
- Mental Health
- Pain Management

Additionally, PGY2 residents also complete experiential training in:

- Residency Project (results presented at Midwest Pharmacy Residency Conference in May)
- Practice Management
- Drug Information

Elective experiences are available based upon resident interest and incoming skills/proficiencies and may include:

- Teaching Certificate
- Practice Coverage



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Teaching opportunities

Educational affiliations will provide opportunities for the resident to precept pharmacy students and obtain a teaching certificate from South Dakota State University (SDSU).

Clinical meetings

Residents are engaged in a variety of local meetings and are expected to attend ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Midwest Pharmacy Residency Conference, South Dakota State Pharmacy Association meeting(s), and possibly regional VA pharmacy meetings.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits

Hours for the residents will be 7:30a-5p Monday through Friday with limited assigned holidays and weekends. Residents will receive a stipend of \$44,522 which includes health and life insurance. Fringe benefits include 13 days of paid leave, 13 days of paid sick leave, 10 paid holidays, lab coat, and free parking. On-site housing is available at a reduced rate. If interested, please inquire at interview.

Start Date and Duration

We have one position for VA BHHCS. The resident will have rotations/projects at both Fort Meade and Hot Springs campuses. Start date is TBD, with expected start date in mid to late July. The residency is a full-time temporary appointment of 1 year in duration.

Federal Employment

Appointment is contingent upon completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist's license in any state within 3 months of appointment. VA clinical pharmacy specialists and residents use their prescribing privileges in collaboration with the medical team to help optimize patient care and reach treatment goals.

Area Attractions

There are many places of interest located within the Black Hills area. Additional information can be found: www.travelsd.com or www.blackhillsbadlands.com

How to apply

VA BHHCS will be utilizing ASHP PhORCAS: www.ashp.org/phorcas

Application Requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited program
- Completion of or currently completing a PGY1 residency program
- Active pharmacist license in a U.S. state or territory
- U.S. citizenship
- Residency Matching Program participant
- Onsite interview required
- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae and college transcripts

Match Rules:

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant.

Application Deadline: January 10th

Please submit application to:

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